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Dear Mr. Fitzgibbon,

Last night Jim Lesar told me that I have a typographical error in my letter of the 15th to you relating to abstracts.

I've checked this and it is much more serious: it is a factual error that I cannot explain. I'm sorry.

I made a few hasty notes when I was reading the decision and the page I noted is 36.

I can only suppose that as I read that sentence I was interrupted and drew the wrong and unjustified impression from it when I resumed, without rereading the sentence.

What I told you about FBI abstracts, however, is correct and they are quite valuable. I do not know that the CIA abstracted its records.

What the FBI did with me, and I do not know of anyone else getting any abstracts, is to compare them with the abstracted record and to blindly make the identical claims to withhold. They would not dare process the abstracts themselves because that would disclose improper withholdings in the underlying records.

If you should ask for the FBI's abstracts, I suggest that you request both sets. One is in serial order, the other in chronological order.

Best wishes,